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FROM PREPCOM DELEGATION

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: FIFTH MEETING OF PREPCOM, SESSION I

1. PREPCOM APRIL 5 MEETING TAKEN UP ALMOST ENTIRELY
WITH QUESTIONS OF REQUESTS TO IAEA, SYG AND OPANAL FOR
PAPERS TO BE SUBMITTED TO PREPCOM FOR REVIEW CONFERENCE.

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2. OVERNIGHT WORKING GROUP ON IAEA PAPERS PRODUCED VERY BRIEF GENERALIZED REQUEST TO AGENCY TO PROVIDE REPORTS "WITH RESPECT TO THE AGENCY'S ACTIVITIES RELATED TO NPT AND, IN SO DOING, TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE PERTINENT VIEWS WHICH WERE EXPRESSED AT THE FIRST SESSION OF THE PREPCOM AND WHICH HAVE BEEN NOTED BY THE IAEA REPRESENTATIVE". THIS PROPOSAL APPEARED TO MEET WITH GENERAL APPROVAL BUT FINAL ACTION ON IT WAS SUSPENDED PENDING CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST TO SYG.

3. WORKING GROUP ON REQUEST TO SYG PROVIDED DRAFT PROPOSING SEVERAL SPECIFIC PAPERS AIMED AT PARTICULAR ARTICLES OF NPT, NOTABLY PREAMBULAR PARA. 11 AND ARTICLES IV, V AND VI. THIS DRAFT MET STRONG OPPOSITION FROM EASTERN EUROPEANS. CZECHOSLOVAKIA STATED IT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO EXPRESS VIEWS BEFORE NEXT MONDAY BY WHEN IT SHOULD HOPE TO HAVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRAGUE. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DEBATE, MATTER WAS PUT OFF UNTIL AFTERNOON.

4. AT BEGINNING AFTERNOON SESSION SOVDEL INTRODUCED SUBSTITUTE DRAFT CALLING SIMPLY FOR REPORT BY SECRETARY GENERAL "SUMMARIZING THE BASIC FACTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE UN ORGANIZATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE REALIZATION OF THE PURPOSES OF THE PREAMBLE AND OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE NPT". THIS PROPOSAL STRONGLY OPPOSED BY MEXICO AND SEVERAL OTHERS, BUT SUPPORTED BY EASTERN EUROPEANS. US REP SUGGESTED ADDING "AND IN DOING SO, TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE PERTINENT VIEWS WHICH WERE EXPRESSED AT THE FIRST SESSION OF THE PREPCOM AND WHICH HAVE BEEN NOTED BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SYG", THUS USING SAME DEVICE AS IN WORKING GROUP DRAFT FOR IAEA OF CALLING ATTENTION TO MORE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS WHICH HAD BEEN ADVANCED BY DELEGATIONS. MEXICO AND OTHER PROPONENTS OF ORIGINAL DRAFT CONTINUED TO OPPOSE THIS, ALTHOUGH US SUGGESTION ACCEPTED BY SOVIETS AND NUMBER OF OTHERS. IT BECAME CLEAR THAT CONSENSUS COULD NOT BE REACHED AND SOVIET DELEGATION WAS ASKED TO MEET MONDAY MORNING WITH MEXICO AND OTHER MEMBERS OF WORKING GROUP TO TRY

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TO REACH COMPROMISE.

5. SWEDEN ALSO INTRODUCED BRIEF REQUEST TO OPANAL FOR REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF TLAPELOLCO TREATY WHICH ALSO APPEARED HAVE GENERAL AGREEMENT BUT WHICH WAS NOT ACTED ON PENDING CONSIDERATION OF OTHER MATTERS.

6. CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT FINLAND AND NEW ZEALAND HAD

ALSO BEEN ACCORDED OBSERVER STATUS; ATTENDANCE BY OBSERVERS (GDR AND AUSTRIA IN ADDITION TO FINLAND AND NEW ZEALAND) WAS INTERMITTENT.

7. AS WAY OF FACILITATING CONSIDERATION OF FINANCE QUESTION, US REP PROPOSED THAT DECISION BE TAKEN NOW TO HAVE WORKING GROUP BEGIN A MEETING SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH PLENARY AT START OF SECOND SESSION IN AUGUST. SWEDEN AND AUSTRALIA EXPRESSED SUPPORT BUT MATTER WAS NOT DISCUSSED TO ANY CONCLUSION.

8. QUESTION WAS BROUGHT UP WHETHER SUMMARY RECORDS SHOULD BE REQUIRED AT SECOND SESSION OF PREPCOM. THIS WAS NOT INCLUDED IN ORIGINAL SECRETARIAT BUDGET AND WAS STATED TO COST APPROXIMATELY \$45,000. AFTER SEVERAL STATEMENTS AGAINST SUMMARY RECORDS (INCLUDING US) AND SEVERAL FOR, CHAIRMAN PROCEEDED TO POLL DELEGATIONS ONE BY ONE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER. BY TIME US REP GAINED CHAIRMAN'S ATTENTION AND FLOOR, ELEVEN REPS HAD SPOKEN AGAINST SUMMARY RECORDS AND THREE IN FAVOR. US REP NOTED PREPCOM AGREED AT BEGINNING TO TAKE DECISIONS BY CONSENSUS AND STATED OPINION THAT EVEN THOUGH IT APPEARED MAJORITY VIEW WOULD ACCORD WITH US VIEW, POLLING OF DELEGATIONS APPEARED TO BE MORE OF A VOTE THAN A CONSENSUS. ONLY ONE OTHER DELEGATION THEN SPOKE, SUDAN, WHICH STATED PREFERENCE FOR SUMMARY RECORDS BUT AGREED THAT POLLING WAS NOT GOOD IDEA. US REP FELT IT IMPORTANT TO FORESTALL THIS KIND OF VOTING (EVEN THOUGH CHAIRMAN WAS OBVIOUSLY TRYING TO DO BEST TO SOLVE DIFFICULT ISSUE) BECAUSE OF DANGER THAT SAME PROCEDURE COULD BE USED TO ISOLATE US ON SOME FUTURE ISSUE.
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9. PREPCOM WILL MEET AGAIN MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 8, TO HEAR RESULTS OF SOVIET AND MEXICAN DELIBERATIONS. IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO REACH FINAL CONSENSUS ON OTHER MATTERS DURING THAT DAY AND ADJOURN EVENING APRIL 8 BUT THIS CANNOT BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED. DALE

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